

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-9 are pending herein, claim 1 being the sole independent claim.

The specification is amended to correct certain typographical errors.

The drawings are corrected to address the examiner's objection regarding the inadvertent duplicate use of reference number 1 in Figs 1 and 2.

REMARKS

Rejection Under 35 USC §112, second paragraph

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. This rejection is obviated by the amendments made herein.

Conclusion

Applicant submits Claims 1-9 are in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of this Amendment or of the application at large, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicant's attorney at (619) 818-4615 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

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Fees

If there are any fees due and owing in respect to this amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge such fees to deposit account number 50-1047.

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